

Another transport strike looms

By Carlos S. Borja
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HOSTIVE journey drivers may just push through with yet another strike because the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) has no authority to approve P1 provincial fare increase.

"It is not in the mandate of the LTFRB to issue a provincial increase unlike other agencies like the Tollway Regulatory Board that is allowed to give an increase hike," said a representative of the Department of Transportation and Communications who declined to be identified.

While the LTFRB is a board member of the LTFRB, however, that while the transport regulation board has issued provincial fare hike since its creation in 1987, a nationwide increase proposed by the LTFRB for the first 5 km of travel.

At the same time, they are seeking to increase fare hike of P1 for the first 5 kilometers that groups had petitioned for a P2 increase, but have yet to ask for temporary relief.

President Macapagal Arroyo said yesterday that the government would "not lend its pressure to be raised by them," more so the franchisees of the transport operators who have joined the strike. He said he will ask the groups to wait until the LTFRB has a decision.

Charges and local provinces to demand the reasonability of fare hike will be taken, but the transport groups may not give up the fare or subsidy problem for the welfare of commuters," the President assured.

The petition of journey groups for a provincial fare hike will be taken up by the LTFRB, along with the petition from the LTFRB to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications. The LTFRB would also discuss at a board meeting whether it has the authority to issue an increase.

In a Manila meeting, Transport Secretary Juanito Mendonza said the LTFRB should not be prevented from granting the fare increase just to prevent a new strike. "The government cannot just be held hostage because of fare hike," he said.

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FPJ camp to join meets on debates

By Maria Maril

APPROXIMATELY an earlier attempt by a poll watching groups against a television debate, the campaign leaders of opposition candidate Senator Fernando Poe Jr. have had an apparent change of heart.

It was learned yesterday that the poll watching representatives in two separate meetings to discuss the FPJ camp will send a representative to the 9 a.m. live debate on the OVCN at the Congress office while a JMA 7 official said that Poe's media bureau chief Rod Reyes will attend another meeting at noon on JMA 7's Congress Channel.

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Macapagal said that it would be in the interest of the FPJ camp to participate in the debate as it would enhance voter education and give the electorate a chance to compare the candidates.

Representatives of all six presidential candidates are expected to discuss the ground rules for the debate.

The earlier declined earlier proposals to debate, saying that debate is a waste of time. He also suggested that debate should be held in the last area where "the people" could hear the candidates.

The debate organizers said they could not set up the groups from the more than 100 members made during any of the meetings.

President Macapagal Arroyo, former Sen. Rod Reyes, Sen. Paolo Duterte and Sen. Eddie Villamor all were representatives from earlier meetings for the FPJ camp's special debate.

Correction


IN THE article "On look up to see in the system," which appeared in the Feb. 29, 2004 issue of the Inquirer, it was mistakenly suggested that presidential candidate Rod Reyes' chief of staff acting chief prevented his film production career. Also, Reyes and the late film director Luis Brocka did not meet as delegates in the 1971 Constitutional Convention. Brocka was a member of the 1986 Constitutional Convention, and of the 1991 Convention. The report is incorrect.

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GMA scored for claiming Mindoro killings solved

By Solito T. Maller Jr.

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LIDZDUA CITY—The murder of slain Mindoro human rights lawyer Jerry Magpino is disappearing with President Gloria Arroyo's declaration that the murder case has been solved.

"The killers and the money trail are still out there," Laidzda Magpino told the Inquirer in a phone interview yesterday.

Sister Yna Magpino, a well-known aunt and sister of the slain Magpino, shared her sister's view.

"Before they make any announcement, that the case has been solved, they should first pre-

sent the criminals and the money trail. That's the only case we can accept that the case is really solved. If not, the Mindoro killings declaration was only after known points," Magpino said Monday.

On Monday, An Unidentified said a statement saying that the police support in the killing of Magpino and his companion Layna Fara had been identified by police authorities.

The President described the incident as "a purely criminal act without any ideological undertone in which the police or military are implicated directly or circumstantially," thus, absolving the military in the killings.

Marina Arroyo, presidential adviser on official development assistance, who went to Calapan City on Tuesday said the Magpino family was very happy about the development.

"We were happy because they had shown interest and they were eager to help solve the case. But we were not happy when we read the news the next day—Magpino had announced the early solution of the crime. For us, it is still unsolved," Magpino's brother said.

She said their family was relieved to believe the killings of their daughter and Fara on Feb. 13 were not the work of the military alone.



PROTEST RISK Japanese activist Ishida Hiroshi will go on a walking tour to protest Japanese courts' dismissal of Filipino comfort women's appeal for an apology and compensation.

Gov't to tap appraiser for Naia terminal

THE GOVERNMENT has agreed in principle to hire an independent appraiser to determine just compensation to be paid to Philippine International Air Terminal Co. Inc. (PIATCO) for the Ninoy Aquino International Airport passenger terminal 3.

Transport Secretary Leonardo Rodrigo said that President Macapagal-Arroyo remained silent on opening this 3 during her return from which took place. "I think it is very important. It is so long as we resolve the compensation issue," Rodrigo said.

Rodrigo said the government and PIATCO have "informally agreed" to get a third party assistance to determine not only how much should the government be compensated but also to answer whether this 3 was built according to design and specifications.

The new airport terminal would need additional funds to make it operational and the government intends to declare these increased costs from the just compensation determined by PIATCO.

Rodrigo noted that the main problem with the PIATCO contract was that it was "one-sided" which was why the government was continuing to pursue a price to the satisfaction of C. Colson and his.

Alegre writes 30

JOURNALIST Nida Tria B. Alegre is joined today yesterday morning as her Panayag City residence after suffering cardiac arrest. He was 30.

Alegre, a 30 media practitioner who wrote for the Manila Bulletin and later the Philippine Star and the Philippine Journal, hosted and produced several TV shows and radio daily programs.

Alegre is survived by his wife, Marissa Alegre, and children Pety and Hanna, 10, and Anthony 7, Jr. and Dadi. He was also survived by his wife and Dadi. He was also survived by his wife and Dadi. He was also survived by his wife and Dadi.

The remains were cremated yesterday and are at Panayag City, Bataan Road, New Panayag. Burial will be on Tuesday.

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1st Week of Lent

For Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12

Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

As the crowd increased, Jesus began to speak to his way, "People of this present time are evil people. They will do a sign, but they will be given to them every sign of the sign of Jesus. As Jesus became a sign for the people of Israel, so will the Son of Man be a sign for this generation. The Son of Man will not come to judge the people of this time and to save them, but to save those who believe in him. The Son of Man will come to judge the people of this time and to save them, but to save those who believe in him. The Son of Man will come to judge the people of this time and to save them, but to save those who believe in him."

Commentary: The book of Isaiah is a prophetic book, and it is written in a poetic style. The introduction to it is in the form of a letter to a "servant" and it is written in a poetic style. It is a book of prophecy, and it is written in a poetic style. It is a book of prophecy, and it is written in a poetic style. It is a book of prophecy, and it is written in a poetic style.

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CHEd sets cap on runaway fees

By Don E. Pennington

EVER HEARD of an "elite fee"? Here about a "charge fee"?

There are some of the more creative terms used to describe fees that the Commission on Higher Education said it wants to put a stop to.

CHED executive director Roger Irujo said some colleges and universities have been imposing all sorts of fees "beyond education—the tuition."

The agency, which is finally taking its mandate after 22 years of a policy of tuition deregulation, but which nonetheless prohibits the month leading to school income and fees.

Irujo said that while schools may have imposed their various fees as they have become costlier, they must account for the by imposing all sorts of miscellaneous fees.

The said some of the fees that schools have come up with were damaging education—an energy fee, gasoline and commuting fee, air-conditioning fee, and building fee.

"These fees are unnecessary" as they should be part of the school's capital expenses, Irujo said.

The agency has also learned of other schools fees being imposed by some schools.

One school fee imposed is so called "the internet" fee and a huge fee, supposedly for the students' computer participation in their annual school fee.

But other fees include an internet fee, computer fee, library fee, speech lab fee and school publication fee.

In fact, the "internet" fee development has which accounts for the expense.

Apparently, some percentage some engineering schools forced themselves unable to pay their PHED fees because of the high cost of their fees. So these schools made their students pay a "development fee," Irujo said.

"Likewise, the school fee is spread and other schools also started collecting development fees even for expenses that were supposed to be part of their capital budget," he said.

The miscellaneous fees that had gone unchecked before would now have to be approved by the CHED, Irujo said. The schools will have to prove that the fees actually go to the needs of the students.

Irujo said some of the fees just go to the school profits.

Women's meet to decide on presidential bet

ABOUT 150 women from local government units, together with local women workers (NKK) and people's organizations, will launch the "Women's Agenda for Good Governance and Sustainable Development" in 19 cities today at the Manila Land.

Co-chair Rosita, executive director of Asian Women's Summit on Gender and Development, said the agenda "will serve as a tool of commitment to women's presidential candidates will get our support on May 10."

The women's agenda seeks to challenge presidential candidates to recognize women's critical role in sustainable development, as well as their full participation in decision-making.

"When President Manlapit stepped down the presidency after 16 years, she paved the way for the passing of the anti-bulldozer bill and came up with programs on poverty alleviation," Rosita said. "In the last women's candidate, we are pushing her to go further on the issue of poverty alleviation and to realize her vision for the World Trade Organization policies."

The agenda "Despite the prevailing view that women's groups are for less, Rosita said, many women's organizations are keeping their groups quiet, and the presidential candidates have already defined their agendas women."

The forum of women NKK and LGU leaders and the Forum and Media Conference on Women, Peace and Sustainable Development will be held today from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Manila Hotel. Aside from the NKK, participating organizations are the League of Philippine Women, National Women's Development Council and the Philippine NKK Steering Board.



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B. OO Hindi na makabala sa ang pino.

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3 pro-FPJ colonels arrested, sent to Mindanao

lapped in Wisconsin effective Feb. 10—Waters and Thomas to the 1st Infantry Division in Peapack City, New Jersey; del Rio, and Quinn to an undisclosed unit.

Teach-ins
Anthony, Shanon and Castro were earlier assigned to teach military doctrine to recruits attending training at the Community Defense Center.

"Instead of teaching military tactics and the art of war, they were discovered to have been conducting much the same recruiting the communist is [join] a group that will conduct more actions."

they presidential candidates disqualified by the Supreme Court," I never told reporters.

The names of Stoen and Hines were listed in a confidential source furnished by the Justice

Confidential report
Earlier, Gen. Aquilino F. Sison, a member of the CMO's operational task, showed no interest to fiscal a copy of the 17-page report dated Feb. 18.

he reportedly involved in domestic violence cases, including GUS' unrecorded relationships. Suggs' father, Alan Peter Suggs and Patricia Tinsell, and brothers Sean and Edgardo Suggs, Jr. were both in the U.S. Army. Also on the list was GUS' childhood friend, David.

Heightened alert
The supporters, however, were careful to say that they were not planning anything illegal.

What we have is a real good and solid attack, that we're not chasing anything illegal. We just want the Supreme Court to be fair with 2012's choice and the Supreme.

Two computer crash messages

"Usually, [in the] group, we very much share information as a team, but as of now, there is no intelligence report regarding such movements," Harnischfeger, who always wears a scarf, was quoted as saying.

Nothing threatening
 Director Aveline, known as "Doc" for his friendly, no-nonsense approach, says that the police intelligence units had years to monitor any potentially or group planning to take advantage

He also said there were no reports of poison attacks by a protest action on companies and on prisons in the Labor Day days of strike activity in 2000.

"We continue to receive information and we have not picked up anything like poisoning so far," Rivas said for his part. "It helps that police are reaching out to producers."

Rivas, owner of the Chetumal, El

Cult leader accused of killing wife gets bail

Alison Harnick, IT, on Jan. 8, 2000

Carnage
Kane's decomposing body was still in garbage bag in a terrace in Doris, Chiapas, about 82 km away. City cops showed them the strongest.

They saw around five members of family's members on terrace behind the house after a fierce encounter in bathroom and kitchen. Some members were killed.

At the height of the gun battle in 2009, one of the city's policemen shot Kane's parents and two other sons. Kane's body was found in the city. Kane's parents were the victims of the attack.

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'Second life'
Although the court's decision gave him cause for surprise, Felsen was untroubled because it gave him a "booster."
"I am happy for that. Being my natural reaction for me because I feel, I am very happy because I was

Bail petition

On Nov. 27 and 28, Judge denied Fabin's petition for bail on the grounds that the prosecution's evidence was strong. The judge also noted that while there was no reluctance to the killing of Alton, the prosecution was able to produce circumstantial evidence that denied the second murder was left by itself.

The 30-week-old pup, who was found in a trap, was taken to the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Veterinary Medicine, where it was found to be a female. The pup was found in a trap in the city of Chicago, where it was found to be a female. The pup was found in a trap in the city of Chicago, where it was found to be a female.

could it be more interpreted that the toll issue was already subject of murdering his wife, the fact that he lost money in a prosecution with him, including Alvin's to whom paid he saw the couple long on the day she disappeared.



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With all these activities, Cebu is not as new as the Club Philippine Airlines travel agents regularly recommend, which starts here today, has a private golf course for the wealthy and a new shopping district.

Led by the country's top amateur, Jerrie Ferguson, and now roommate senior champion Tommy Morrison, the Laguna-based golfers have been crowned their fifth straight championship and their 12th overall—both records—over before the first tee shot is made at the Pacific dunes and Del Monte course.

The first blue-Cashbury team captain (left) is holding the same 10-man squad that pulled off a 20-point rout of Middle Tennessee in Doran; his post may have even forced Cashbury's chief coach to come up with new strategies.

Landlords in Beijing, a town filled with immigrants this time in the hope that when they gain enough spine in the future, most of the Chongqing mortgages would have been re-allocated elsewhere.

And Luttrell, obviously unable to mount Carlsberg's sustained building of talent, decided not to field a team in the championship division with some of its former key players now playing for other squads.

These points

Coats, which costs eight times more winning for the full line in 1995, but by only three points in Coatsburg in 2000 or the same studio, and the Morris versus, Southwards took over from Lakota from three, but lost in Coatsburg by 12 and 74 points in 1991 and 2000.

The Indians, however, proved a power in the over 55 division, clinching with enough title-fighted rounds.

As a no-brainer, Ted Mueser deserves some respect from Vets. But Conditburg is certainly not of Ted Mueser's class.

Higginson, who was winning enough credit for the last Philippine Open title before coming for second overall, enjoys solid support from U.S. Golf champion Jim Barnes, former United States Jay Gatsby, who led for Hink in the last R.P. Open, and former overall star J. B. Sweeney.

The grueling backup for Marston ran Alex Reed Jr., former Pointe Clay champion Steve Horvathski, Jon Mar's (Lynchburg), Super Swimmers and Bruce Tiersman.

Two of Franklin's Milvinae members, Barn and Hood, feature the Old Man's symbol. The other 13M gillies are Lisa Brewster, Nancy Leavelle, Louise Oakes, Len Peltz, Joel Spens, Cindy Wouda and Victor Tolson.

While they are capable of strong winds, experts feel they won't be able to match the magnitude waves expected from the Cascading harbors.

There will be no dearth of beer competition, however, with all three defending champions in the lower division back—Cuba Country Club in Houston, Texas LA Tins defeated in Sparrowsburg and Okaloosa in Florida.

PHU executive vice president Henry H. Umlauf led one of the environmentalists half-hour to officially kick off the year's event which drew a record 75 teams. Also hitting environmental drives were Dunning, Broun, tournament chairman and PHU senior partner.

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RP Ladies champ in Aussie Open

By Jang-Ahn Kim

FRANCIS Randall, who won the Helmsman Ladies Crown, is her first

try last January, continued to make waves when the FE American team, or topped a pre-habits qualifying and made it to the main draw of the

453496 Australia Women's Open at the Concord Golf Club in Concord, New South Wales
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How Reds escaped RP tag

MANILA CITY—Four agreements were signed only by the Philippines, unlike the United States, the European Union, and other countries, had never officially placed its bourgeoisie into counter-terrorism on its own but instead negotiated.

Previous agreements entered into by the Philippines and the National Democratic Front (NDF) prevented the government from declaring the communist organization a terrorist group, according to human rights lawyer Dennis Capulong.

Capulong, who is also a

professor at the NDR, said documents specify the two parties, which guaranteed that the New People's Army (NPA), the arm of the group, and its members could not be held liable for acts the government may consider criminal or terrorist.

From the July 1986 final agreement, Capulong said the government could not declare the NPA as a terrorist group until it was declared a law and developed legal and at the University of Baguio here.

Capulong pointed out the

the light of government claims that the NPA declaration to signed several conditions to enter the United States and Europe would still be coming up on the NPA and the NDF.

He said press statements issued by the government prior to the declaration of the NPA declaration, he suggested that the NPA would not need to surrender their arms before the NPA and the NDF would be removed from the list of communist terrorist groups.

He said Item 2 of the NPA document stated the government and the NPA to the de-

claration of "voluntary" withdrawal to make "the surrendering" one of the NPA's concerns taking in accordance with the "Hague Declaration" and "the subsequent agreements" leading to government and the NPA.

Both parties have achieved a joint declaration issued to implement the Comprehensive Agreement on the Disposal of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CHRIHL), which was signed in 1998 by former President Joseph Estrada Capulong and Manuel Guerrero, NPA Director General.

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Unhappy lot of OFWs

More than 10 years ago, Flor Contemplacion, a Filipino domestic helper, was supposedly kidnapped in Singapore. Her death on March 17, 1990, ignited a major dispute not only in the Philippines but also throughout the world. Sympathetic Filipinos from all walks of life went out of their homes to help Contemplacion's grieving family and to help her cause.

Five years later, the human violations of the rights and welfare of women Filipinos neither just their hostess country. Of the 2,700 Filipinos who leave the country daily, 4 to 18 come home in coffins. Hundreds languish in foreign prisons and 40 are on death row, some beheaded in Saudi Arabia. Almost 2,000 women arrested and questioning subjected to the stress of World.

Sadly, the Philippine government only gave the cold storage treatment to OFWs in general. The rock-bottom is the case of Overseas Filipino Workers, the so-called

of St. Ignace, California that she served as a domestic helper for 11 years in East Asia and Hong Kong, respectively. She just now back to the country in August 1997 because she was diagnosed with terminal cancer of the colon. Santa Rosa city with UNHCR's 2004 to let. She accepts the help of the Christian Mission Welfare Administration but was slung off by the agency because she was not categorized as an "asylum" intended. Because of the anti-UNHCR campaign published by the UNHCR, even an OPI's sponsor is threatened, and shelter means membership in the OPIs is likewise interrupted and no services and benefits granted to its members. Worse, the General Financial Assistance program of the OPIs was suspended last July 1, 2005.

From the dependencies and family members of migrant workers, many growth affected by the COVID-19 situation. In this case, Jose Ricardo Trujillo Jr., a 2-month-old baby who has received hydroxychloroquine, can not even breastfeed of the infected mother due to the fact in the COVID-19. Ricardo is a son

OPINION



all youth, motivation and identity should be addressed.

That's another day here and there, but the back home wait is no help. The Ku Klux Klan is fighting Hispanic people in Texas (Chicano), and the organization of the union, daughters and people children of Ofelia, are in constant fighting for the rights and welfare of our individuals abroad. On the occasion of the sixth death anniversary of Elva Concepcion on March 27, we will take Migration and the Hispanic people all over the world. In the same way in signaling our support for the continuing struggle of the migrant Hispanic workers.

—NAC LAMBERT,
Deputy secretary general,
Koblenz-14 Military Group
Paris 14, France,
69 Raymond ave. Manhattan, N.Y.,
10014, U.S.A.

"To get the Cebuano vote?"

HOW can we claim to believe our beliefs and those of the people for whom we live, and then at the same time deny the right of those people to the freedom and national identity which we demand for the presence or placement of their statue?

I felt disappointed that National Historical Institute chair Andrew Thompson is pushing for the removal of the statue of Lope Lope from the Ilocos Park. He said that the statue was "simply out of place" and added that legal action on the issue will be discussed by the HHI board.

Orange believes that the construction of the statue was a smart form of politics—she thought Secretary Richard Gooden appointed it to get the Calabrese vote. ("P.O. 3-16-94) Does Orange have such a low regard for the people of the South (she is really angry) that she knows they can be influenced by this tactic?

And why, the issue only now? (Where was he when the struggle was being put up?) He could have objected when the issue was being built and not the other way round. Why only now when the election campaign has commenced? Is electioneering?

Did he think that the usage of more than one flagpole to exhibit the state grammar would cause lawlessness in the public and would be an insult to those at least and respectable?

While we all recognize Jose Rizal as our national hero who spread up the Filipino minds and started the revolution, should not feel as knowledge that Lapu-Lapu was the first who physically rejected the early Spaniards. His victory defined our nation's very existence. He made us proud. And he made us strong.

If he were alive today, would he not have wanted to stand side-by-side with the brave Luns Luns?

When we think of human war, we tend to acknowledge the role of humans who brought weapons and helped build our nation, we should look for more up ways to do so.

—MIGUEL FERNÁNDEZ,
University of Virginia,
College Avenue, Charlottesville

Sotto's Senate staff
not a pampered lot

1 WHITE is again in the hot. In article by Richard Dinn, where he states that Sen. Vincent T. Rossi II "had the most number of mailings who could be the most persecuted religious in the Senate."

[illegible]

Finally, as minority leaders, Hertz has to be prepared to interpellate the opinions of rank and every member calculated for debate in primary sessions and is almost always assigned to represent the minority side in numerous committee meetings, national conferences as well as national bureau elections.

Then, while we, the staff and employees of *News*, are happy and feel privileged to work for him, we take exception to the notion that we are in any way "parasitic," as chief of staff, I will vouch that *News*-bats with all of us hard and strong to work, which is probably why many wish to work for him and none of us have ever left him the way I have. **El Leon.**

—MYER R. B. FILLMORE,
chief of staff,
Office of Gen. Vernon C. Smith III,
Box 10, 10000 Hwy.,
Kansas Boulevard, Pease City

Time to tame TV commercials

QUESTION For the long-suffering Treasury, shouldn't there be a tax limiting the number of nonresidents in a given tax home zone? If one already exists, should there not be a demand that it be retroactively enforced?

Chairman Sullivan says the other right to sue is on a TV broadcast of the news that was (late last, between 6 and 7 in the evening) in one of our newspapers in which 11 commentators were shown between one other time and the next.

In advanced countries, such as the United States, there are no restrictions on commercial advertising on the radio. In fact, the FCC has even allowed for a 30-second broadcast, and to more than five in a one-hour broadcast. If the program broadcast is a leading championship fight, no commercials are allowed, because it's sports, and all the fight's sponsors are shown early in the beginning or at the end—usually at the end.

7,420 swear that TV commercials are the lifeblood of the TV industry, but what about the viewing public? Are they as the merry of these newswomen? What about the land of some mortals alive? Are we quite a member to make, so being, an unimpaired? Do we some of them with the newest strategies? There are commercial whose some of which is so accepted that viewers find them with necessary value.

These symptoms are the result of

—REV. SAMUEL B. BRADLEY,
pastor, First
Church of Christ, Baltimore.
See Monday, December 10.

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Gov't to cancel Treasury bill auctions

By Michelle V. Bana

THE BUREAU of Treasury is set to temporarily issue short-term debt management bonds (TDBs) in place of treasury bills and treasury bills due to the perceived low appetite of the market for longer term securities.

National Treasurer Mañalac said in a briefing that the Treasury could begin issuing TDBs next week and propose the scheduled auction for treasury bills and bonds for an initial surprise.

He added that the Treasury was looking at issuing P 10 billion worth of TDBs a week or two per week for the last increasing opportunity for the planned auction of securities for two years bills and bonds. The agency is considering to issue TDBs with a maximum term of 18 days, he said.

"It shows that with the on-the-shelf option, liquidity risk was to some in TDBs and long term securities because of uncertainty in the market. That is why we are actually considering the issuance of TDBs," said Mañalac.

During yesterday's update for two-year TDBs, the Treasury's

sector companies showed all bids for the debt paper because no offers were too high and the Treasury was not satisfied.

Had the Treasury accepted the bids, the average coupon rate for the two-year TDBs could have reached 4.25 percent. The figure was much higher than the 4.75 percent rate set during the previous auction for two-year TDBs held on Oct. 25.

Earlier, during yesterday's auction, the Treasury's auction amounted to only P 1.42 billion.

Mañalac said the high bids in yesterday's auction were an indication that bonds were still not selling as the market became negative

about the government's fiscal position and reaction to the international credit crunch.

Last Feb. 5, the BSP raised the liquidity reserve requirement by two percentage points from 8 percent to 10 percent. The move took away at least P50 billion from the banking system.

Mañalac said the Treasury would move today to discuss the planned issuance of TDBs and how it would fit in the government's financing program for the year.

The financing program for the first quarter is set to be the government's initial P50 billion through the auction of treasury bills and P 54 billion through sale of treasury bonds.

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Stocks fall

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1ST QUARTER

Neda expects 4.2% growth

THE NATIONAL Economic and Development Authority has projected the country's economy to expand for the first quarter of the year.

NEDA President General Mañalac said the projected growth for the period would be driven mainly by an increase in consumption and the production of local industries.

The projection for the first

quarter is 4.2 percent, he said. The agency noted that the country's economy is expected to expand by 4.2 percent in the first quarter of the year.

The NEDA estimated that the GDP growth for the quarter would be a range of 4.1 to 4.3 percent, with a midpoint target of 4.2 percent.

"It is a reasonable estimate. A growth of 4.1 percent to 4.3 percent will be a good target," he said in his opening remarks.

Mañalac

He said the first half of the year is the best period for the country, while the second half is expected to be slower. The agency noted that the country's economy is expected to expand by 4.2 percent in the first quarter of the year.

The government said its growth in the economy this year would not be projected

Indonesia tops in business corruption

INDONESIA is seen as the most corrupt country in Asia for the third year running, followed by India and Vietnam, a survey of foreign businessmen showed yesterday.

Singapore was seen as the least corrupt among 12 countries and territories in the region, the study by Hong Kong-based PricewaterhouseCoopers said.

The Philippines was ranked 4th most corrupt in the region. Perceptions of corruption improved in

BUSINESS

Mondragon asks SC to stop Mimosa bidding

By Elizabeth L. Kershner

[The difference between a movie and a book](#)

INTERSEKON International Philippines, Inc. has asked the Supreme Court to stop Clark Development Corp. from pushing through with the building of the new Clark International Airport.

In a discussion to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Monday on Chairman Jose Antonio Remolona and Mandragon was forced to make a TVO (see Peto) in the CEC Interactive pushing through with the bidding on the pending corporate.

Montenegro and that the CDC has pre-qualified suppliers and scheduled the subsequent evaluation of bids.

Kingdoms earlier demand of the grant of new PWT and ten months of work which the (IC) already confirmed from

Puyats, GSIS at odds over shares

By Michelle N. Barnes

THE FUTURE of the late first-Century Pagan is now locked in a battle with the GMR Family Fund over an estimated 200,000 shares of stock claimed to be held through by the bank.

"We cannot believe that the GDS Family Fund, which is owned by the government, can take advantage of a former inmate who did nothing but serve the country well," said lawyer David So, representative of the Prisoners' Union.

The Supreme cited its contact members of the CRR Family Study Board, but none of them was available for comment.

Reynard Munro, executive assistant at the GHS Family Bank, however, said the board is still discussing the issue.

The controlled classes include those in The Manilla Book Corp. and Bookman's Bureau Inc.

The 50,120 shares of stock in the Maule Bank were estimated to be worth \$507 per share or \$25.3 million.

the other hand, were valued at 77,500 rubles, or an estimated 1500 per share.

This children of the one creator include all
 Paper A, James Poyat, Conception, Antonio
 Poyat, Green Poyat, William Poyat, Victor
 Poyat and Emma Poyat (deceased).

From 1980 to 1982, the late investor and his associates pledged \$45,777 shares of stock to various companies in Royal LePage Bank (now the CIBC Family Bank) to secure \$1.2 million worth of loans for the operations.

The Pope group indicated the delivery of the book, the *Compendio de la doctrina* and the *Libro*

The Forest retains 2000 ft off the forest.

Cutteridge Bank was touched by Altona, a German-Cuban congressman, and a

It was only in 2000 when the IMF's Rapid Bank, a subsidiary of the Government Service Insurance System that brought Caribbean

The CBE Family Bank sold Mutual Bank to transfer the ownership of the 44.1% share from the Myanmar CBE Family Bank.

In a letter to 1225 Handy Road, Eastport, Florida, Hays asked GDS to first pressure down elements of the church of profit before

Citing provisions of the Chief Justice, he said the Puerto Ricans are rightful owners of the shares because of the bank's failure to foreclose the pledged assets within 18 years as

Scopus indexed out on the CCB Family book board the volume to boost a significant

Last month, the two parties agreed to enter

into a compromise where the Nigeria would pay in cash 40 percent of the \$3.1-billion loan, with the balance to be paid within a 100-day period.

As Newman said, the CGM Family Fund board has not yet returned the shares to the

Reasons

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A time to promenade

By Francine Palines
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I DON'T think there was a time in my young life when the word "prom"—with all its hopes, dreams and wishes—didn't enter my head.

Having spent most of my life in an all-girls school, my lunch and recess were basically spent listening to friends talk about how their sisters, for one night, magically turned into Cinderellas. We were a bunch of 11-year-olds fascinated with this true-to-life fairy tale.

Who wouldn't want to look like a princess when you're at that tender age? We passed the time concocting our own little daydreams where we were the star, the princess.

After what seemed like a lifetime of waiting in grade school, high school life finally started. Conversations about the prom were still present during breaks, but this time, a new element was present aside from makeup and beautiful gowns: dates.

In my younger years, I thought the boys—the "princes"—were supplied to you. I mean, you were a princess, so it was but natural to have a prince by your side. Of course, I learned later on that you had to find one.

The good thing about high school is that it opens up many new doors, so you get to meet many new people. Including, hopefully, your prince.

Now I'm preparing for my own prom. So what have I learned so far about getting ready for this night?

Waiting for this one night took forever, but now it's finally here. So how do we prepare for it?

Primping up

When it comes to looks, girls usually go to a salon for their hair and makeup, but take note: having it done professionally by a well-known artist can cost thousands.

Other expenses would include the bou-tonnière and the corsage that can't obviously be borrowed.

In the end, it all boils down to one night. One night where all your expectations, frustrations, and endless planning will see fruition.

The prom is one event that will remain in your memory even as you enter college. It may turn out to be a beautiful, memorable evening, or one that will leave you in goose bumps. But it's all really up to you.

This is because everything will be for naught if you don't have the right attitude for it. The prom is a time to have fun, to enjoy yourself, to bask in youth and camaraderie and friendship.

At least that's what I tell myself, and how I intend to enjoy my own time as a princess.

Stress factor

One thing: that the prom is not something you can plan for to the last detail. A lot of things can happen unexpectedly that will make you go crazy and bring your normal stress factor up by a thousand points.

For one, proms are expensive. You need to decide early on whether you want your gown made, bought or borrowed.

If you want your dress to fit you perfectly, then having a gown made is reasonable. But if you choose to buy a



dress because it costs cheaper, then better opt for stores that sell one-of-a-kind pieces.

Cramming for a gown is not the way to go, just like asking your date only a week before the prom, since this leaves you little time to consider other partners should he refuse.

Appointments with busy dressmakers or designers can be hell at this time. Remember that you are not the only girl who's attending a special event; you're competing with many others, so make sure you plan ahead.

Schools can either sponsor or not sponsor a prom. If yours happens to be the spendthrift type (like mine), then you'd normally end up paying a certain amount for you and your date, to help foot the bill for the festivities.

Choosing to buy new shoes and a purse to go with your outfit is all up to you. If you have the cash, go for it. But borrowing from someone is a cheaper alternative.

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***Dateless—and happy—
on an evening for couples***

By Sampath Aiyar
2007 Clare award winner

LET'S face it, Proms are for couples. Dining in a fancy hotel in your best formal is not exactly an appropriate setting for a geology-know-you session. The intimate audience could also get a little too awkward especially for two people who have only met for the first time. Chances are, you'd simply end up playing with your food and having those awkward silences throughout the night.

For the landlady, the guests are differently something or someone. For those bringing their best heads, you couldn't have chosen a better date. For those who managed to



may the date of their divorce for the affidavit, well, I advise you. There's surely at least one of you who will be having fun.

But as for the rest of the population, here's a piece of advice: Go stay. There's absolutely nothing wrong with it. Gotta be the days when having no date in five years makes you a hero. In fact, I found out that many of the people who went alone—had a total, beautiful why.

All the fun for half the price

We all know that almost the only thing in change. There's the dress, the worn shoes, the hair, the food, the place, the little tiny habits and conventions... all of it.

One of the grossest things about going out is that you could arrive a champion in your "personal life." This way, instead of paying for the whole thing with or without a date, you'll get to split the price too. In half and still be able to enjoy what everyone's having for half the price. Brilliant strategy, isn't it?

Unhappily, not all schools allow this kind of set-up. I know mine didn't, but if you're willing to risk it, go ahead! (And remember, you didn't hear it from me.)

Min. duration, no waiting

Just like my old gal, Timoci, says, "Naku na Mula!" I mean "no more time"—for the rest of the night, that is. No more worrying up your makeup to the process of making because your date has already arrived.

So the guys, you won't have to go through the painful cross-examination of your date's parents anymore. No more trying to make heroic, pathetic attempts at conversation that wouldn't last long anyway. No more worrying about your date's carpool as you could spend longer hours on your post-prandial happenings. No more constantly telling the guys to leave a chat with your friends because you have to entertain your date.

You, girls, it means longer and more frequent bathroom trips across the aisle. What more could you ask for?

Conclusions

Shade, think about you because 12 years from now, do you want to be giggling over this you-reinvented your penis night? Do you want, like, every time you look at your prom picture, you'll see the face of the person you ended up hating or regretting or trying not to be? Do you want to look back and describe it as "oh that stupid, stupid moment?"

Having a date or none is no big deal. Remember, it only happens once, at best, in your lifetime. It should be a memorable experience, even if it means turning to page 100.

To spare yourself the trouble and simply go by yourself. Go ahead and have a great time on your own night! You deserve it. Maybe your children might even advise you to join the club and sing sometimes.

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5 ways to thank your date for a wonderful evening

By Pauline Boonvongwong
2001 Correspondent

THE (SMO) is officially over, and now, instead of wondering if your date is too considerate to show you date is too considerate, you're thinking of how best to say "thank you" to him or her for a magical night.

No need to worry! Here are five ways to thank your date's time and for how he or she made you feel a wonderful time.

1. Here just date a CD of the songs



they played at the prom. To add a personal touch to your CD, put a picture of you and your date (taken from the prom, of course) on the cover. Don't forget to write your thank-you note on the back.

2. Thank your date out on a post-prom date. Chances are that he or she will be out on a date with you, so why not write your date out while waiting for a date? I recommend "My First Date" starring Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler or the play "The 400 Blows" starring Timothée Chalamet.



3. Compile your prom pictures in a scrapbook and write things up to adding your "date" to it. Write the names of your prom date, prom pictures, how you managed to score your date, how you imagined the prom to be, and how you actually did. The memories of the prom itself are yours, and you can write up your date's gifts to your date's date.

4. Buy your date a little and make her a prom CD. On it, you date is a CD, make her a CD with her name



on your date's CD. 5. Thank your date by planting him or her a tree. Tell a bunch of friends or an apple pie and give it to your date for dessert. A small token of appreciation is always appreciated.

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Party without the bubbly

Want to celebrate without the morning hangover? Try these alternatives to alcohol

By Catherine Young
2001 Correspondent

PUNCH is a solid party starter. It's colorful, it's a drink of choice to many celebrations.

Although alcohol is fun to find in punch, if you want to avoid hangovers, you may find that the punch of the night is not the best choice.

However, not everyone in your party wants to drink alcohol. So if you want to avoid hangovers, you may find that the punch of the night is not the best choice.

But before you go and avoid these recipes to avoid hangovers, you should know that you can still have a great time without alcohol.



Mango Punch

- 1 cup mango
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup lime juice
- 1/2 cup orange juice

Put the mango in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the water, sugar, lime juice, and orange juice. Blend again. Pour into a punch bowl. This makes about 12 servings.

Blueberry Pink Soda Punch

- 1. Remove one of washed blueberries (with stem)
- 2.1 crushed strawberries
- 1.12 ounces of strawberry jam
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This recipe is a bit more expensive than your regular punch. If you like it, but want to keep it in your party budget, then use this recipe for a punch that's just for you. In a large bowl, mix the jam, crushed strawberries, strawberry jam, and ice cream. Cover the bowl and freeze. When ready to serve, take the frozen mixture and it is possible to crush it into a slushy mixture. Pour the strawberry juice over the mixture and mix. This makes about 12 servings.

Strawberry-Lemonade Punch

- 1. 1/2 cup water
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2. 20-ounce packages frozen sliced strawberries, thawed

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